

ber 23, 1905, lives at Lehi. Glenn W., born September 30, 1909, has since 1930 been a clerk in the United States forestry service, and lives at Moab, Utah. He married Ora Gale, of Beaver, Utah. Emma A., born September 13, 1913, lives with her parents in Lehi, is a graduate of the Lehi High School, and graduated from the Latter Day Saints Business College at Salt Lake in 1932, having won a medal for taking dictation and speed writing. The youngest child, Lela, was born September 3, 1915, and died in infancy.

ASA L. CURTIS, M. D., graduated from medical college more than twenty years ago, and since then has labored for the welfare of his community at Payson, not only through his profession but as a leader in farming, irrigation, municipal affairs and in his church connections.

Doctor Curtis was born at Salem in Utah County, February 3, 1877, and is a son of Utah's distinguished pioneers, Lyman Curtis. Lyman Curtis was born in the old New England town of New Salem, Massachusetts, January 21, 1812, son of Nahum and Millicent (Waite) Curtis. The Curtis family has been represented in every war of America since the early settlements in New England. The old Curtis family home at Boxford, Massachusetts, built in 1667, has sheltered generation after generation of the family. When Lyman Curtis was a small child his parents moved to Western Pennsylvania, Erie County, and from there they moved on to Michigan, where they were very early pioneers. Nahum Curtis and wife joined the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Michigan in 1832. They were with the Mormon colony at Kirtland, Ohio, and in the '30s moved to Northwestern Missouri, where they endured the persecutions of their gentile neighbors. Lyman Curtis was blessed by Joseph Smith, who uttered the singular prophecy that he "should strike the rock and bring forth water," a prophecy fulfilled in Lyman Curtis' subsequent activities in developing irrigation works in Utah.

Lyman Curtis arrived in Utah July 22, 1847, with Brigham Young's original company. He served as one of the seven presidents of Seventies, as missionary to the Indians, and was one of the founders of Salem, Utah, where he helped build roads and canals. He surveyed the first canal at Price. Altogether he lived in honor and dignity due to his work and loyalty and died at Salem August 5, 1898.

The mother of Doctor Curtis was Sarah Wells Hartley, who was born in Sheffield, England, August 10, 1836, daughter of Samuel and Eliza (Gill) Hartley. She came to Utah November 30, 1856, coming across the plains in one of the handcart companies. The company of which she was a member suffered more loss, privations and hardships than any company coming over the plains, about two hundred members losing their lives en route to Salt Lake.

Asa L. Curtis grew up in Salem, attended district school there, took a teacher's course in the Brigham Young University at Provo

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and devoted some of the early years of his life to teaching and missionary work. He taught two years in Utah County, two years in Arizona, and was on a mission to New Zealand during 1901 to 1903. In the last year he was president of the conference at Wellington.

On returning to the United States he entered Northwestern University School of Medicine at Chicago, where he was graduated M. D. in 1911. With this preparation he located at Payson, where he has been kept busy by his professional engagements and his community activities. He has been an official of the Utah County Medical Society, a member of the Utah State and American Medical Associations, and on June 27, 1918, was commissioned a captain in the Medical Corps. He was at Camp Funston in Kansas until discharged February 12, 1919. Army officials paid him a special compliment for preparing and presenting to the War Department the outline and plans for a new tank, which was intended to have the speed of an automobile and the fighting qualities of a tank. This has since been built with slight modification and is in actual service. In 1925 Doctor Curtis established a hospital at Payson, the only institution of its kind in this district. For some time he served as city physician and as county physician in the south end of Utah County.

Like his father he has been deeply interested in the extension of irrigation, and in 1929 was elected president of the Strawberry irrigation project. He was elected a member of the City Council in 1925 and served two terms. In the fall of 1931 he was elected mayor of Payson. He was one of the local men who have provided facilities for an airport. Doctor Curtis owns 400 acres of irrigated farming land in this district. He was one of the men who worked out the plans for collecting and storing water of the Duchesne, diverting it through the Great Divide, and thus afford irrigation for the Sanpete, Sevier, Juab and the Delta region as well as other portions of Utah County. This was one of the largest projects of its kind in the state. He was one of two men selected by the Strawberry Water Users Association in the spring of 1932 to represent them before Congress and to intercede for them for a moratorium for an extension of time in the payments to the Government. This was granted by Congress. It was due to his untiring work, in their behalf, that the mission was successful in securing very good concessions for the Water Users to be benefited by this project. Another successful irrigation project that was completed through his efforts in the spring of 1932 was the Goose-nest Irrigation Project, furnishing water for about two thousand acre-feet of water.

Doctor Curtis has held a number of official positions in his church, being a high counselor in 1923-24 and second counselor to President Reese of the Nebo Stake.

He married, December 28, 1903, Miss Annie B. Littlewood, who was born at Payson, daughter of Martin Littlewood. Their children were: Asa Brentnall, Lucille, Evelyn, Melva, Mildred, Helen, Emerson and Delbert.